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1. The production of oil and gas in Yugoslavia is increasing steadily. In 1953 about 172 thousand tons of crude were produced, compared to 151,500 tons in 1952, an increase of 13.6%. A further large increase is expected in 1954.
2. Known gas reserves are estimated at five billion cubic meters. Undeveloped potential gas reserves are estimated at 20 billion cubic meters. These reserves are considered to be almost equally distributed among the three natural gas producing areas. If later exploration and development proves that only half the above or 10 billion cubic meters of gas reserves are available, the Yugoslavs plan to establish a petro-chemical industry to fully utilize this reserve, particularly to manufacture fertilizers. First quarter 1954 gas production was 6,600,000 cubic meters compared to 4,800,000 cubic meters for the first quarter of 1953.
3. A gas pipeline is now being built to the Sisek Iron Works located southeast of Zagreb. Another gas pipeline from the Banat producing area to Vrsac is also under construction. A gas pipeline was planned from Gole, near Banova Jaruga, to Zagreb but construction was interrupted. The gas supply for this proposed line is now being used to manufacture carbon black.

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